

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 27, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Chamber of Commerce Director Sandra Chafin, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Gulf County 911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Ricky Tolbert, and Sheriff's Office Deputy Lester Greenwood.

Deputy Greenwood called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., E.T.

Commissioner Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

State Representative Jimmy Patronis appeared before the Board and discussed various government issues pertaining to the County. Chairman Williams discussed that Representative Patronis attended the InterAgency group meeting, and during the budget hearings the Board requested that all governments involved in the architecture of the County work together toward the same strategic plan. Representative Patronis discussed that the proposals at the State House that are coming forth will effect property taxes. He also discussed the proposal of 100% deduction of your primary homestead instead of the 25%, and increasing sales tax by a 2.5%. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters regarding the cost of insurance, Representative Patronis discussed that since the special session there have been three new carriers added in the State of Florida, and that one of these carriers has written 60,000 policies. Commissioner Traylor discussed the different scenarios that the State has given as far as the gaps in funding, and how the Counties are going to be able to fund the gaps, stating that this is very serious business. He stated that unfunded mandates and trying to fund the County through growth is what the legislators in Tallahassee are going to look at very seriously and try to help the Counties work through these issues. Representative Patronis discussed that the citizens deserve a change in their costs, and the County will have to take on the task of adjusting the millage. He also reported that, as a State Legislator, he has to be reasonable, because the Board has made plans to take care of the County without relying on the State's revenue to take care of

the gaps, and when the laws are changed to add unfunded mandates it creates a problem. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding taxes and inappropriate spending, Representative Patronis discussed the solutions that are being proposed with the property taxes, stating the Governor's options are to encourage portability, put a cap in place, double the homestead exemption, and also give businesses a tax relief by allowing a certain amount of their inventory be tax deductible to their asset values. Members of the Board thanked Representative Patronis for appearing to discuss these very important issues.

GULF COUNTY MOMENT

Sandra Chafin, Chamber of Commerce Director, appeared before the Board and presented the "Gulf County Moment". She discussed that the first Chamber of Commerce was organized in France in 1599, the first Chamber of Commerce organized in America was in New York in 1768, and the first record of the Chamber of Commerce in Gulf County was in 1936. She read an article published in The St. Joe Sentinel on July 14, 1938 regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Williams requested that Commissioner Peters arrange the next speaker for the Gulf County Moment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

1. Minutes - February 13, 2007 - Regular Meeting
2. Bid Advertisement - Solid Waste (Electronics Recycler * Roll-Off Containers)
3. Invoice - Ausley & McMullen, P.A. - Gulf Pines Hospital Litigation/Tax Collector (#54383 * \$482.56 to be paid from Account #21111-33000)
 - Cathey Construction & Development - Gulf County Courthouse Re-Roof and Repairs (#3 * \$86,381.79 to be paid from Account #71012-62100)
 - Coppins Monroe Adkins Dincman & Spellman, P.A. - At-Large Litigation (January 2007 * \$1,846.02 to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - Emerald Coast Building Materials - Gulf County Courthouse (#8976 * \$3,316.14 to be paid from Account #71012-62100)
 - Gulf County C.D.C. - S.H.I.P. Program Expenses (\$600.00)
 - Gulf County Land and Abstract Company (#70002 * \$300.00 / #70003 * \$300.00 / #70004 * \$300.00 to be paid from Account #21111-31300)

- Mowrey Elevator Company, Inc. - Gulf County Courthouse
(#007358-RB * \$25,920.00 to be paid from
Account #71212-64001)
 - NAFECO, Inc. - Wetappo Creek Fire Department (#498094 *
\$7,370.00 to be paid from Account #31822-64000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Gulf County Road Bond Project (#65051 *
\$19,600.00 to be paid from Account #41441-63000 *
\$55,707.00 to be paid from Account #41441-31000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - White City Bulkhead (#65056 * \$1,125.00
to be paid from Account #21111-31100)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Gulf County Courthouse & Jail Roof
Replacement (#65057 * \$3,061.00 to be paid from
Account #71012-62100)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Howard Creek Road (#65059 * \$17,663.20
to be paid from Account #40641-31000)
 - Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - General Employment Matters (File
#G214-107990 * #709705 * \$3,819.75 to be paid
from Account #21111-31200)
 - Southeastern Mechanical Contracting, Inc. - Overstreet Boat
Ramp (#2213 * \$54,030.00)
4. Job Notice - Mosquito Control (Post/Advertise Mosquito Control
Employee)
- Road Department (Post a Tractor Operator II /Grass Cutter
Position)
 5. Payment Request - Two Palms Subdivision (Wallace Pump & Supply *
#83 * \$915.00 to be paid from 2006 Road Bond
Funds)
 6. Policy - County Vehicles (Memo from Commissioner Peters clarifying
Board Policy)
 7. Purchase Request - Wetappo Creek Fire Department (110 Watt Mobile *
\$1,019.00 to be paid from Account #31822-64000)
 8. S.H.I.P. - Rehabilitation Assistance (\$16,500.00 - George & Dennis Bryant,
Georgia Wright / \$20,000.00 - Keith Nixon / \$5,000.00 - Maureen
Mitchell / \$5,500.00 - Julia Johnson)
 9. Special Project Payments as follows:

Dist. 4	St. Joseph Historical Society - Charlotte Pierce - Donation	\$ 500.00
	Gulf County NAACP - Amy Rogers - Scholarships	\$ 500.00
 10. Solid Waste - Construct a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility

on Knowles Road (to be paid from grant funds)

(End)

COUNTY VEHICLES

Clerk Norris discussed item #6 (page 46) of the Consent Agenda regarding use of County Vehicles, stating that this is taxable income to the employees per the Internal Revenue Service regulations, and it will be placed on the employees W-2 as income (there are a few employees that are exempt from this).

INVOICE - PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Chief Administrator Butler recommended payment of Inacomp Invoice #97205 (in the amount of \$2,709.00), Invoice #97249, (in the amount of \$500.00), and Invoice #97770 (in the amount of \$220.00) for work performed in the Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

JAIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed quotes received for jail services from Juliane Day & Rachel Turner and Johnny Wilkerson for developing policies and procedures for the jail, and recommended the Board accept the low quote from Johnny Wilkerson, in the amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that this should be complete within ninety days.

ROAD BOND PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that Bid #0607-11 for the Road Bond Paving Program was awarded to G.A.C. Contractors, Inc., contingent upon negotiating the amounts to coincide with the funds allowed for each District. After discussion by members of the Board, Chairman Williams tabled this issue until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION - EROSION CONTROL LINE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Coastal Construction Control Line along the areas of the Cape that are going to be re-nourished. County Attorney McFarland read the proposed resolution. Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02

A RESOLUTION OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND ESTABLISH AN EROSION CONTROL LINE ON THE SHORELINE FOR APPROXIMATELY 7.6 MILES BETWEEN FDEP MONUMENTS R-67 TO R-105.5, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Gulf County has had damage to structures and/or coastal lands by storms and erosion in areas of public lands, and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has designed and applied for permits to construct a beach restoration project along approximately 7.6 miles of Gulf County shoreline known as the St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County proposes to restore the beach along the above shoreline segment with beach quality sand from offshore borrow sources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to delineate the boundary between upland properties and state owned submerged lands before undertaking such a sand nourishment project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund establish an Erosion Control Line on the shoreline for approximately 7.6 miles between F.D.E.P. Monuments R-67 to R-105.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of February, 2007.

(End)

WIRELESS 911 GRANT APPLICATION

Gulf County 911 Coordinator Guthrie requested approval from the Board to submit the Wireless 911 Rural County Grant Program application, in the amount of \$27,967.00, to help with the maintenance costs of the 911 equipment. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EARTH MACHINE COMPOSTERS / EXTENSION AGENT

Solid Waste Director Danford requested permission to donate one of the Earth Machine Composters to Gulf County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter's Elementary School project. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

JAIL - INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICE

On behalf of Gulf County Detention Facility Transition Coordinator Durbin, Deputy Administrator Lanier request approval of a contract with Amtel for inmate phone services at the jail (the County would receive 40% of the proceeds), contingent upon approval by the County Attorney. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request, contingent upon approval by County Attorney McFarland. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INVOICE - KENNY STRANGE ELECTRIC

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested payment of Invoice #2756 from Kenny Strange Electric, Inc. (in the amount of \$26,857.50), for the electrical repairs at the jail, contingent upon verifying actual man hours on the contract (there is a total of 126.5 man hours). Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request, contingent upon approval by Chief Administrator Butler and the Building Department. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE / ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Deputy Administrator Lanier recommended payment of an invoice from Ellis Environmental (in the amount of \$4,970.00) for asbestos removal from piping in the Courthouse. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams regarding the D.E.P findings of asbestos, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that someone had reported to D.E.P. that the panels being removed on the outside of the Courthouse had asbestos in them, stating that the project was stopped for approximately 24 hours until an inspection could be performed. He stated that D.E.P. came in and stopped the job, and Southern Earth Sciences came in and took samples and within 24 hours determined there was no asbestos present. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that this was a false claim filed against the project.

T.D.C. - VISITOR GUIDE PRINTING

T.D.C. Director Pickett requested permission to advertise to receive sealed bids for printing of the County Visitor Guide. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

T.D.C. - SPECIAL EVENT GRANT PERIOD

T.D.C. Director Pickett discussed that T.D.C. will be advertising their Special Event Grant

Period, and will be sending out grant applications during March and April to any 501(C)3 Organization who holds special events.

P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board then addressed the following recommendations from the February 21, 2007 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - SCARLETT'S PLACE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider preliminary plat approval for Scarlett's Place (Parcel ID #03358-000R & #03364-000R * 157.5 acres in S26, T5S, R11W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the preliminary plat for Scarlett's Place subdivision, subject to all Federal, State and local development regulations both stated and unstated. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - CUMBIE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider preliminary plat approval for Cumbie Subdivision (Parcel ID #02973-010R * 43.33 acres in S15, T7S, R10W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve the preliminary plat for Cumbie and Sunset Pointe Development, L.L.C. subdivision, a 72-unit development subject to all Federal, State and local development regulations both stated and unstated. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VARIANCE APPROVAL - LAMIS & BLANCA

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance to the development regulations for Lamis & Blanca (Parcel ID #06269-050R in S19, T9S, R11W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this variance request, as recommended by the Planning & Development Review Board. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VARIANCE APPROVAL - ANSLEY

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a setback variance for Patricia S. Ansley (Parcel ID #06268-520R in S6, T9S, R11W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no

public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this variance request, as recommended by the Planning & Development Review Board. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DENIAL - SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT - BURNETT

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider denial of a small-scale map amendment for Troy A. Burnett (Parcel ID #03462-175R * 2.64 acres in S35, T5S, R11W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to deny a small-scale map amendment changing 2.64 acres from residential to mixed commercial/residential. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT - RISH

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a small-scale map amendment for Ralph Rish (Parcel ID #02977-100R * 10 acres in S17, S18, S19 & S20, T7S, R10W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this small-scale map amendment changing 10 acres from industrial to mixed commercial/residential. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT - RUPP

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a small-scale map amendment for Daniel & Susan Rupp (Parcel ID #03462-210R * 1.93 acres in S35, T5S, R11W), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. Elinor Cunningham appeared before the Board and discussed that she attended the Planning & Development Review Board Meeting regarding this issue. She discussed that Ms. Rupp is considering placement of a retail store on the property, and she feels that this is not appropriate for this subdivision or the residential area on C.R. 386. Ms. Cunningham discussed that another individual also wants to open a restaurant in this area, and that there needs to be an area on C.R. 386 for commercial property, but not in the subdivisions. Commissioner Traylor discussed that commercial businesses need a place, stating that the Board needs to meet with the Building & Planning Department and

designate where it should be. Sandra Seavey appeared before the Board and discussed that the Planning & Development Review Board denied a small-scale map amendment changing the Troy property to commercial, and that road signs have been placed on C.R. 386 designating that this is a residential area. Bob Seavey appeared before the Board and discussed that he was not opposed to the change until he found out that it was for a retail store and possibly a restaurant for this area. Susan Rupp appeared before the Board and discussed that there is no where in this area on C.R. 386 for commercial property, and requested that if the Board cannot make a decision then this should be tabled until a later date. Chairman Williams recommended that Commissioner Traylor meet with the Planning & Development Review Board on this issue. Commissioner Traylor then motioned to table this matter. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE - MEDINA

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #01041-060R & #00987-600R, 10.0 ACRES OF 33.09 ACRES IN A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 33 & 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE - ST. JOE COMPANY

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES

SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #03801-000R, 3.27 ACRES OF A 10.0 ACRE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE - FIELDS

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #01579-140R, 5.53 ACRES IN A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE - WATERFRONT GROUP

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION OF PARCEL ID #01094-100R & #01092-000R, 10.0 ACRES OF A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 26 & 35, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW

DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

PROPOSED RESOLUTION - WETAPPO CREEK / FUTURE ROADWAYS

Tim Stein appeared before the Board on behalf of the residents and friends of Wetapp Creek to discuss a proposed resolution to protect Wetappo Creek from a low-rise bridge during the future roadways projects (Gulf-To-Bay Highway). Steve Norris, Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority Representative, appeared before the Board and discussed that the Western approach is the better approach for everyone because it gives a shorter route back into Panama City. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the proposed resolution, contingent upon review and approval by County Attorney McFarland. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ST. JOSEPH STATE PARK

Commissioner Peters reported that he received a memo from Mr. Kemp at St. Joseph State Park regarding the attendance at the park from May through September, 2006 (approximately 80,000 visitors).

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM

Commissioner Peters discussed that any individuals who have received S.H.I.P. funds, and are not satisfied with the work completed, should call their Commissioner for assistance. He also reported that he has received three calls this month concerning the S.H.I.P. Program. (Anita Davis, Mary Clayton, and Heather Calvarese), and once he has finalized the investigation he will report back to the Board.

THE STAR NEWS PAPER

Commissioner Peters motioned for County Attorney McFarland to review a situation where The Star News Paper refused to print a letter submitted by the Board for advertisement (concerning not recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's. Birthday). Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GULF COUNTY BREEZE

Commissioner Peters motioned to publish the Board's letter regarding The Star not recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday in the Gulf County Breeze. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B.C.B.S. OF FLORIDA PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Commissioner Barnes motioned for Human Resources Director Manuel to follow up with having a Pharmacy on the North end and a Pharmacy on the South end to participate in the new prescription drug plan. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL WALL

Commissioner Barnes discussed a letter from Ginny Seefeldt regarding the Veterans' Memorial Wall which is coming to Beacon Hill Park for viewing. Chairman Williams discussed that the "Wall That Heals" for the Veterans' Memorial Wall arrived in Beacon Hill today, stating that the Opening Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

Chairman Williams requested that the Board consider submitting a letter to the National Guard and Reserves as Employers' support for what they do for America.

WHITE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of White City Fire Department, Chairman Williams requested they be allowed to purchase the new 800 Mhz Radios for the Fire Department (to be paid from their budget). Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LIBRARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Chairman Williams reported that he received a call from the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners regarding the proposed Library Interlocal Agreement. County Attorney McFarland discussed that Bay County will be in control of the technical support on the Contract. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the Library Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER

Chairman Williams discussed that the Highland View sewer system has been approved by the City of Port St. Joe, contingent upon review by the engineers. He further stated that the citizens have ninety days to request to be on the sewer system, and will have an additional ninety days to pay the \$500.00 hook-up fee. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor regarding the Overstreet area, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that we have not received anything regarding Overstreet. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the City of Port St. Joe has not done what they said they would do on this issue and this is a Breach of

Contract. Commissioner Peters motioned for the County Attorney to meet with the City of Port St. Joe tomorrow regarding this matter. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed unanimously. Doug Kent, Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and discussed that the residents need to be aware that if Environmental Health is called out they will have to hook-up to the sewer system at that time (which could be at a much higher cost). Chairman Williams discussed that it was negotiated as non-mandatory, but when a septic system fails, the individual would have to hook-up at that time.

TAX REFORM / BUDGET

Chairman Williams discussed the ongoing tax reform scenerio and the assignment from each Commissioner to serve on an advisory panel. He discussed that in the Consent Agenda tonight it was approved to hire full-time employees at the Road Department and Mosquito Control Department, and he stated that Representative Patronis discussed that the funds are not going to be available next year.

HIRING FREEZE

Tom Graney, Representative for Gulf County Citizens for Reduced Taxes, appeared before the Board to discuss the upcoming budget process for October, stating that the County is five months into the new budget. He discussed that the County is going to have to raise the millage rate to hold again, and the hiring freeze was for new employees not replacements. Commissioner Peters motioned to extend an additional 3 minutes of speaking time to Mr. Graney. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Graney discussed that the long-term goal for the landfill was to get it self-sustaining by purchasing a compactor and raising the tipping fees for commercial usage.

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM

Marilyn Blackwell appeared before the Board and discussed that her sister, Anita Davis, received assistance from the S.H.I.P. Program and the Agricultural Department for Rehabilitation Assistance for her home. Ms. Blackwell discussed that Ms. Davis received approximately \$25,000.00, and a new shingled roof was placed on top of an existing roof which was tin. She discussed that plywood was placed on the ceiling over cardboard, and the contractor used one-by-four and two-by-four lumber for trim work (none of the windows or doors were cased out). Ms. Blackwell stated that Ms. Davis has tried repeatedly to get help regarding this issue from the S.H.I.P. Program and the Board. She discussed that a wood heater was installed improperly and has caused the roof to leak around the pipe. Commissioner Peters motioned to extend an additional 3 minutes of speaking time to Mrs. Blackwell. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Ms. Blackwell regarding the problems with the S.H.I.P. Program and Dannie Bolden, Chairman Williams discussed that the Board is under direction of the County

Attorney not to discuss any issues regarding Mr. Bolden at this time due to pending litigation. John Tremont, S.H.I.P. Program Manager, appeared before the Board and discussed that the wood stove and chimney system were inspected by him and Mr. Willis, and he stated that the chimney system was not properly installed, but since a C.O. was issued and the Fire Marshall had approved this chimney, the Contractor does not want to come back to take care of this issue. Mr. Tremont discussed that Ms. Davis is maxed out on the funds that S.H.I.P. can give her, and that they are trying to locate a certified wood stove specialist to fix her problem. Chairman Williams discussed that this Contractor needs to be eliminated from the S.H.I.P. Program, and requested that the Building Department check into this matter. County Attorney McFarland discussed that Anita Davis needs to file a law suit against this Contractor on this issue.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING OFFICE

Alan McNair, E.D.C. Director, appeared before the Board requesting a letter be sent to Representative Allen Boyd seeking his support of a \$200,000.00 grant for a Government Contracting Office in Gulf County. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOCAL SHOPPING

Sandra Chafin, Chamber of Commerce Director, appeared before the Board and discussed that a dollar spent turns over from 4 to 7 times, that is why shopping locally is very important for this County.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:20 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**